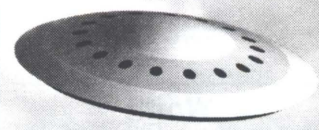


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## UFOs & the New World Order:

### *Inescapable Ambiguities*

by Michael Lindemann

In his 1992 monograph entitled "UFOs and the New World Order," Michael Lindemann presented his perspective on the "Olympian priesthood of secrecy," a group of elite world leaders who are aware of the alien presence and its capability of disrupting life on this planet. One of their goals, he said, was to survive the inevitable "historical discontinuity" (a point past which the future is hard to imagine), no matter the cost to society as a whole. A second objective was to restructure a society that would be affluent, sustainable, and suited to a population one-tenth the current size. The Olympians' means of control? Instilling in mankind the vague threat of an alien presence.

Today, Michael believes that the New World Order is being influenced by both elitist (Olympian) and relatively benign forces. However, even if the architects of the New World Order are mostly well intentioned, the existence of real UFOs, real aliens, and very malevolent human technologies all pose challenges for the human future.

The article that follows is excerpted from a manuscript in progress. Part One is Michael's updated perspective on UFOs and the New World Order—in particular, the areas the two overlap and the ambiguities they create.

**"In the New World Order, whatever its ultimate manifestation, the alien presence is a terrible, looming, political inconvenience."**

—Michael Lindemann

**A**s a futurist, one who studies forces and trends shaping the future, I have given considerable thought to the possible relationship between the New World Order and the UFO phenomenon.

In brief, if at least some UFOs represent the presence on Earth of alien or advanced non-human intelligence, or if some UFOs represent unexpectedly advanced and officially nonexistent human technology (the two possibilities are not mutually exclusive), then UFOs must be taken into consideration in any assessment of the activities of nations or supra-national agencies whose apparent intent is to bring forth a New World Order.

### Identifying the Phenomena

We must acknowledge at the outset that both the New World Order and the UFO phenomenon present the disciplined observer with complexities and uncertainties that call into question not only what we observe but also how we observe. In both subjects, we are hampered by the limitations of our data and by

the limitations of our perceptual and analytic powers. In fact, we do the subject justice *only* if we exercise a high tolerance for ambiguity.

### Defining the New World Order

By general agreement, the New World Order does exist, at least in potential. But the moment we try to identify it, we see that definitions run the gamut from a relatively benign and naturally evolving international reorganization to a malignant, conspiratorial tyranny brought about by the forces of evil. Some say this new order is already upon us; others think it is years away.

It is not clear where on the spectrum of possibilities the actual New World Order will reside when it arrives. No doubt there are those with elitist ambitions to construct a world order that to many people would seem tyrannical. Just as surely, there are competing efforts to bring about a world order that grandly unifies all peoples in peace, justice, and progress. I now believe that trends toward elitist control will not prevail as fully as some

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## Worth Repeating

*A Digest of Ideas from Researchers, Enthusiasts, Buffs, Kooks, Skeptics, Debunkers, and Others*

### But What's the Question?

"The world was once believed to be flat, and it took Copernicus and other scientists 200 years to prove otherwise. Some thought as recently as 20 years ago that the moon was too distant to reach. And there are those who believe the earth is the center of man's universe and that life couldn't exist on other planets. Perhaps not in our lifetime but in the future, the answer will be known."

—Robert Emenecker, 1974, *UFO's, Past, Present & Future*, Ballantine Books, page 126

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### Hovering Meteors?

Researchers at the Institute for Atmospheric Sciences (IAS) recently reported that strange flight characteristics of some UFOs can be explained by newly discovered interactions between meteors and the atmosphere. According to the researchers, recent thermographic, spectrographic and computer modeling studies now offer new ways of explaining meteor motions previously considered impossible. They believe that partly because of the tremendous heat generated by the meteors as they pass through the upper atmosphere and partly because of their shapes and rotations, some meteors can stay suspended for as long as 30 seconds and can "float, dance, and spin off randomly at high velocities."

Professor Karl Petersen, chief of the IAS Meteor Studies Group, suggests that the motion of a hovering meteor, combined with the "autokinetic visual effects" experienced by witnesses, can account for "a large majority of previously unexplained UFO sightings." —ParaNet Skeptics Echo, Nov. 11, 1994; originally an article by Howard Weisman, "Hovering Meteors Clue to UFO Sightings?" *Science Review*, November 1994)

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## ◆ Flashback

### I Was Followed by the Marfa Lights!

*A tongue-in-cheek yarn, mistaken identity, or CE 5? The storyteller relayed the incident in earnest; that much can be vouched for. And stranger things have happened—just ask Stephen Greer. If you'd like to comment on this possible sighting or on one of your own, please contact Houston Sky.*

#### Marfa, Texas—1994

I left Houston for Las Cruces, New Mexico, on the morning of September 26, 1994. I had heard of the Marfa Lights and decided to detour a few hours to see them. I headed out on I-10 West, turned south past Fort Stockton on U.S. Hwy. 67, and continued on through Alpine to Marfa. When I reached Marfa, I stopped to eat. After dinner, I doubled back east on 67 (also U.S. 90) approximately nine miles to the designated observation area.

For those who don't know, the Marfa Lights are an unexplained phenomenon at the base of the Cuesta del Burro Mountain range that has intrigued residents and visitors for decades. They appear and disappear in various spots and with varying intensities.

Around 9 PM, I, along with several others parked in the area, watched the lights appear. After a fascinating 30 minutes, I decided to press on since I had another three hours to go. As I again headed west toward Marfa, just for grins I flashed my flashlight toward the lights.

On the other side of Marfa, I found myself on a narrow, unlighted road with no other traffic. I was completely alone. Glancing in my mirror about 10 minutes later, I noticed lights on the road behind me. At first I thought nothing of them. But as I studied them in the mirror, I noticed that instead of two, separate, horizontal lights, they were separated vertically. I tried to think what might have a light pattern like that. Not motorcycles—at that distance (an estimated one or two miles), their headlights would have blended together.

Suddenly the lights went out. No glow or movement of lights from a turning car. And the highway was West Texas flat—they couldn't have dropped behind a hill or dip in the road. The lights simply had vanished.

I decided that whatever it was must have stopped, and I forgot about the lights. But five minutes later, they appeared again at the same distance behind. Granted, judging distance in car mirrors is tricky, but the lights looked as

close as they had five minutes before. Something just didn't seem right, and I became a little concerned. For my own peace of mind, I decided to stop the car and let whatever it was catch up. The minute I came to a stop, the lights again disappeared. I have to admit that at that point, I was more than a little concerned.

I sped up to about 80 mph, I guess hoping to lose whatever was following me. Then, about five minutes later, a large glow appeared behind me. Under other conditions, I would have thought it was a light hidden by a rise in the road. Then, eerily, the lights appeared again.

Not wanting to panic, I reasoned that this thing behind me was indeed a car or something that could be easily explained. By this time, I was approaching Valentine. I decided to pass through the small town and wait on the other side to see what was behind me. Valentine has around 15 houses and buildings on each side of the road and about five street lamps alongside the highway. On the west of town, I stopped. Three minutes should have been plenty of time for whatever it was to cover the distance. But nothing appeared.

Relieved, I started off again. Around five minutes later, the lights appeared again. I braked immediately, and again—the minute I came to a complete stop—the lights went out. This time I accelerated to over 115 mph for a short distance and then slowed to 85 mph. Sure enough, a short time later the lights reappeared at the same distance behind as before. For the rest of the way to Van Horn, where Hwy. 90 intersects I-10, the lights appeared and disappeared. A couple of cars passed in the opposite direction, and I still noticed nothing behind me.

Just before I reached Van Horn, a car from behind pulled in between the lights and me. At the first place I could, I stopped and watched the car go past. The strange lights never reappeared. —David Morgan, Houston, Texas◆



conspiracy-minded theorists predict.

However, no matter how good or bad the New World Order is, its leaders will to some extent be guided by secret knowledge, as leaders always are. One major area of secrecy, I believe, concerns UFOs and, more importantly, the presence on Earth of alien intelligence. But these secrets will not be kept in the future as they were in the past. Instead, they will be "managed" in hopes of preserving political stability and control.

### **Denying the UFO Phenomenon**

Unlike the New World Order, the UFO phenomenon still suffers from a lack of agreement as to even its existence. I have observed that among those who deny the reality of UFOs, there are two main groups: 1) a majority who are completely ignorant of the facts, and 2) a minority who for various reasons—political, pseudoscientific, or religious—deny or distort the data on UFOs to serve their own agendas.

For some people with rigid belief systems, the UFO phenomenon creates extreme cognitive dissonance—an understandable reason for denial. But the more important denials and distortions come from those whose intent is to control the advance of human history. These people, many of them key actors in the evolving New World Order, may indeed be among those who know the phenomenon best, and they are undoubtedly among those most responsible for the official UFO cover-up.

### **Human-Engineered UFOs**

Official denial of UFOs covers a multitude of politically inconvenient realities, including the existence of various "officially nonexistent" human technologies. In some cases, chance encounters with these technologies are misperceived as "alien" events by unsuspecting experiencers. In some cases, such false scenarios may be intentional.

Some UFO conspiracy theorists believe the UFO phenomenon is made up entirely of fictional "alien" technology—actually super-advanced human machines—and even "alien" humanoids genetically engineered by the Nazis, the Communists, or the CIA. One such theorist, author John Judge, refers to UFOs as "unidentified fascist observatories."

I regard these human-engineered scenarios as deeply flawed in at least two ways. First, they fail to acknowledge that the alien presence is real. Second, they assume that humans on

their own have succeeded in astoundingly advanced technological feats for which there is little convincing evidence.

However, among the humans who genuinely aspire to a tyrannical order, it may seem politically advantageous to foist upon a naive public the frightening idea that advanced mind-control technologies do exist and that almost anyone can be easily reached and made to think thoughts and perform behaviors in lock-step with the programmed wishes of an evil human overseer.

Today, the mythology of such prowess does exist, even if the technologies do not. But the mythology alone is needed to substantially crush the public will. The primary objective of such mythology is to frighten the populace into believing that an invisible, invincible, and deeply evil cabal of New World overlords has taken control or is so close to doing so that no recourse exists. Such beliefs are becoming increasingly heard but are not well supported by evidence. At this stage, I strongly urge all readers to resist the seduction of paranoia.

### **Denying Reality**

Paranoia aside, undoubtedly some instances of the UFO phenomenon represent the extremely advanced technology of certain military or quasi-military agencies of the United States and other advanced countries. Some of this technology officially does not exist. In fact, official "experts" routinely declare the technology impossible.

The aircraft popularly termed "Aurora" is a perfect example. Though the Aurora—probably a group of related planes—clearly exists, it has been staunchly denied by all authorities. For example, during a public appearance at Wichita State University last February, CIA director R. James Woolsey insisted that nothing like the Aurora had ever been built or had even been contemplated. That is simply a lie. Meanwhile, however, when the Aurora's top-secret flights are observed and reported by unsuspecting civilians, the Aurora qualifies as a bona fide UFO.

### **Virtual Reality**

Even-more-disturbing methods exist by which human technology could produce some aspects of the UFO phenomenon. Leaving aside for the moment the rationale for such elaborate deceptions, let's consider several ways that

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## **Worth Repeating**

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### **Plague of Power**

"Power-mad 20th century governments have murdered an astonishing 170 million people—possibly as many as 360 million—under dictators like Stalin, Lenin, Mao, Hitler, Tojo, and Pol Pot...." [The accounting covers the first 88 years of the century and so does not include the genocides of Bosnia, Somalia, Sudan, Rwanda, and other African countries.] No other century has seen a slaughter of such magnitude... It is as though our species has been devastated by a modern black plague, a plague of power." —Excerpted from University of Hawaii professor R. J. Rummel's new book, *Death by Government*, 1994

### **A Sucker a Minute. . .**

"Adopt an Alien Fantasy Program": Sponsor an alien child to help save it from desolate conditions caused by the war with Shrowdd. For adoption certificate, member ID, letter from alien child, and one-year subscription to bimonthly newsletter, \$14.95 a month.—Ad in *UFO International Library Magazine*

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## Worth Repeating

### Omni Interviews Hoagland

Omni's December interview of Richard Hoagland is frank and thought provoking and provides an excellent overview of Hoagland's Mars and moon research.

For the past 11 years, Richard Hoagland, space consultant to NBC and CBS News (for Walter Cronkite) and editor-in-chief of *Star and Sky* magazine, has been fascinated by the Mars face, first noticed in photos taken by the *Viking Orbiter* in 1976, and by the possible city he later discovered. Through his research, he uncovered what he says was "a redundant, specific geometry in the collection of pyramids called the 'city' and in the face—a specific repeating pattern of angles, mathematical constants, and equations." He believes the structure was designed by intelligent beings because of the circumstantial evidence "four miles wide."

In recent months, Hoagland has turned his attention to the moon. Photographs from the 1967 *Lunar Orbiter III* orbiting just 30 miles above the moon have revealed two anomalies on the surface. According to Hoagland, independent scientific investigation currently being conducted by the Mars Mission is leading to the inevitable conclusion that the objects are the products of intelligent design. —*Omni*, "Interview: Richard Hoagland," by Steve Nadis, Dec. 1994, p. 76

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## Structures on the Moon??

Former McDonnell Douglas Engineer to Present Possible Evidence at VISIT Meeting

Richard Hoagland is not the only one pursuing evidence of possible ET activity on the moon. Missouri's MUFON assistant state director, Marvin Czarnik, and five associates are studying photos they believe may reveal such activity. At the upcoming December 15 VISIT meeting, hosted by John Schuessler, Marvin will present the photos in question and discuss his research into this controversial area.

Marvin explained recently how his interest developed. His career spanned 37 years as an electrical engineer and computer specialist with McDonnell Douglas, including 25 years with NASA's manned spacecraft. Two and a half years ago, soon after retiring, he read two books—Fred Steckling's 1981 *Alien Bases on the Moon* and George H. Leonard's 1976 *Somebody Else Is on the Moon*—and was intrigued by the possibility that the government might be withholding information of this nature. Marvin spent many hours at the imagery archives of Johnson Space Center's Lunar and Planetary Sciences Institute here in Houston, comparing the images shown in these books with the NASA photos on file. He then ordered copies of several images for further analysis.

In the spring and summer of this year, after hearing Richard Hoagland on Art Bell's radio

program, "Dreamland," describing his lunar imagery research and findings, Marvin decided to try to confirm or refute Hoagland's findings through his own studies. Hoagland's videotaped Ohio State University presentation on lunar images was also a source for Marvin's research.

In August 1984, Marvin and five St. Louis associates formed the Lunar Artifacts Research Group, or LARG, to analyze the currently available lunar imagery of apparent artificial structures. LARG members are currently searching several of the 12 NASA archives, including the Lunar and Planetary Sciences Institute, for additional copies of some of the photos in question. One of their goals is to submit selected photos to MUFON photo analysts Bruce Maccabee, PhD. and Jeff Saino, for their review. When LARG members reach what they feel is a significant milestone in the research, they will publish their findings.

Those of us in the Houston area don't have to wait for LARG's report—we can soon examine the photos up close and personal—and decide for ourselves. Does the evidence indicate artificial structures on the moon? Come see for yourself at VISIT's December 15 meeting. ♦

—Gayle Nesom

## Spotlight on Kristy Jones

Houston MUFON member Kristy Jones is a native Missourian who returned to the Houston area after 10 years of traveling the world. A member of MUFON since 1989, she has studied and researched the UFO phenomenon since 1974.

Kristy has been active in MUFON chapters for the last five years. With Missouri MUFON, she served from 1989 to 1991 as assistant publicity director. She also worked on the organization committee for the St. Louis Annual UFO Show-Me conferences. When she moved to California, she was selected Northern California state section director for San Benito, Santa Cruz, and Monterey counties.

From her UFO investigation work, Kristy developed a knack for seeking assistance on behalf of people who had had abduction

experiences and had requested support for their physical or emotional reactions. In January 1992, she established a support group in Campbell, California, that is going strong and continuing to grow. Before leaving California, Kristy helped set up an investigator training program based on the *MUFON Field Investigator's Manual*. The course, which has a waiting list, is still being taught by the Northern California group.

Kristy has agreed to serve as MUFON Investigations chair for the Houston area. As such, she is currently organizing an investigator training program to be offered in early 1995 and will help establish an abductee support group. She can be contacted through the *Houston Sky*. ♦



highly convincing UFO events might be presented.

**Theatrics:** Objective physical phenomena could be created that are perceived normally by unsuspecting witnesses. Over the Mojave Desert of California, many witnesses have seen huge, silent, slow-moving triangular aircraft often described as alien. Similar craft have been seen in many other parts of the country. In recent months, I have talked with several researchers who are convinced that these are human-built, lighter-than-air craft, possibly being tested or already in service as stealthy reconnaissance machines. They are huge and apparently under intelligent control. Notably, however, they never fly away at high speed or suddenly disappear. They are impressively weird, but not alien.

**Holography:** A much more intriguing possibility lies in holography, that is, nonphysical, three-dimensional moving images projected into space. Author Robert Emenegger recently told me that during his work in the early 1970s on the book and film titled *UFOs, Past, Present & Future*, he learned that holographic technology might have already reached a very advanced state and was assumed to have considerable battlefield potential. Such holograms, seen at a distance in unusual circumstances, would be indistinguishable from reality. Hypothetically, at least, a hologram could be made to look like anything and to perform any maneuver with ease, including instantaneous accelerations, impossible turns, changes of shape and size, noiseless explosions, and sudden appearances and disappearances.

These characteristics represent, of course, many of the classic anomalous behaviors associated with UFOs. Indeed, the visible characteristics of a hologram are limited in theory only by the imagination of those controlling it. Moreover, anything that can be created as a special effect on film—even an animated sequence—can also be created as a hologram. Since animation and other film effects are today capable of projecting absolutely anything in a two-dimensional, on-screen

frame (I term this “the Jurassic Park effect”), it is conceivable that state-of-the-art holography could project comparable wonders in three-dimensional space. Unless one had sophisticated radar equipment on hand, it would be quite impossible to tell at a distance whether the image was or was not physically real.

### **Manipulating Through Mind Control**

There is yet another even more alarming possibility: that of mind control. Some researchers (notably Martin Cannon in his monograph “The Controllers”) insist that advances in mind control now allow undetectable hypnotic manipulation of individuals or groups at a distance. Such manipulation causes subjects to behave in desired ways without their realizing the cause. Mind control may also permit those in control to project into a human mind false perceptions indistinguishable from objective occurrence.

In my view, it is extremely improbable that any such technology is sophisticated enough to create prolonged, highly complex, multisensory images of the kind associated with UFO sightings. On the other hand, the ambition by some to create such technology certainly does exist.

The political will to achieve perfect mind control has functioned at the level of government-funded research and development at least since the days of the Third Reich in Nazi Germany, as well as in the Soviet Union, the United States, and possibly Great Britain and other countries. The capability of governments to hold such research in absolute secrecy also exists. Therefore, we must at least allow the possibility that such research has brought results far beyond anything publicly acknowledged.

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*In Part Two, Michael Lindemann will discuss his views on how and why deception on the part of those wielding power might be politically useful and necessary, and why the response of the New World Order—however defined—to a genuine UFO phenomenon and alien presence is of such great importance. ♦*

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### **Michael Lindemann**

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Michael Lindemann is most often described as a political scientist, social analyst, historian, and futurist. Those who have heard his lectures also know him as an extremely gifted and popular speaker.

A native of Milwaukee, Michael now lives in Santa Barbara, where he directs The 2020 Group, a private research organization studying trends and forces that shape the future. He is primarily interested in the evidence and rationale for government-sponsored manipulation and cover-up of UFO data, the political and social implications of genuine human-alien contact, and sociopolitical issues affecting the present and future conditions of human society.

Michael is currently involved in setting up the Institute for the Study of Contact with Nonhuman Intelligence (ISCNI), of which he is a founding member. ISCNI is an elaborate electronic “university” that will become accessible through “America Online” beginning December 5. Casual “students” of ISCNI will be permitted use of the on-line library, message board, and bookstore. Paying students can participate in hosted conversations and presentations by high-level UFO researchers (see article, page 8).

Michael Lindemann welcomes your comments. He can be contacted through The 2020 Group, 3463 State St., Santa Barbara, CA 93105.

*Our thanks to Michael Lindemann for sharing his evolving perspective with Houston Sky readers. ♦*

**A copy of the Roswell Declaration has been inserted into this issue of *Houston Sky*. If you have not already signed and mailed in a Declaration, this is your chance to do so! Better still, ask several friends to sign copies, and mail in five Declarations today!**

Stanton Friedman may be best known in the UFO community as a first-class lecturer on the UFO phenomenon. Since becoming involved in the study of UFOs in 1958, he has delivered the lecture he calls "Flying Saucers ARE Real!" to more than 600 colleges and over 100 professional groups in 50 states, nine Canadian provinces, Germany, England, Italy, and Finland. Over the years, his research has focused on Roswell (he is co-author with Don Berliner of the 1992 book *Crash at Corona*), the controversial Majestic-12 documents, and the government's UFO involvement and cover-up.

In 1956, Stanton received a master's degree in physics from the University of Chicago. His work in nuclear physics has involved a wide variety of highly classified, very advanced government-sponsored research and development programs at companies such as General Electric and Westinghouse. The programs involved nuclear aircraft, fission and fusion rockets, and nuclear systems for space applications. Since 1980, he has combined lecturing with science consulting in such areas as food irradiation, the recovery of waste heat from power plants, and the use of electron accelerators for commercial applications.

Stanton was elected to MUFON's board of directors in 1990 as director of Special Investigations and has served as a MUFON consultant in nuclear physics since 1971.

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## A Response to Carl Sagan's *Scientific American* Essay, "Life in the Universe"

by Stanton Friedman

For decades, Carl Sagan has waxed poetic about life in outer space. In most instances, such as in his very popular TV series and book *Cosmos*, and in many taped TV snippets such as the October 1, 1994, "Larry King Live" two-hour special, he takes derogatory swipes at the notion that intelligent life is visiting earth. Never does he refer to the five large scientific studies about UFOs, more than 10 PhD theses, and hundreds of papers by scientists like me, Bruce Maccabee, PhD, Robert M. Wood, PhD, and others. Unlike Carl, we have been seriously investigating the UFO phenomenon instead of doing Sagan-type UFO research by proclamation.

His latest article, "The Search for Extraterrestrial Life," is part of a special issue of *Scientific American* (pp. 93-99) devoted to life in the universe. As might be expected, there is no discussion of ET visitors or interstellar travel.

Sagan's article presents an excellent overview of the impact of biological and chemical life on the externally observable characteristics of a planet. He reviews the four different observations\* made by our *Galileo* spacecraft as it got a free kick toward Jupiter from the earth's gravitational field. He notes that of these four, all but the observation of orderly radio signals could have been noted by any passing probe within the last two billion years. He further notes the many indications that organic molecules seem to be present all over the place, including interstellar space. So far so good. To me, this would seem to indicate that Earth may have been under observation for a billion years after nearby civilizations detected obvious signs of biological life.

Unfortunately, and certainly unscientifically, Sagan then claims "the search for extraterrestrial intelligence is an attempt to use large radio telescopes, sophisticated receivers, and modern data analysis to detect hypothetical signals sent our way by advanced civilizations on planets around other stars." Most of the article is concerned with *life*, as opposed to *intelligent* life. He might have said that the use of radio telescopes is just one way to search for extraterrestrial intelligence, but his definition excludes all far more reasonable approaches for which we have an enormous data base.

For example, based on worldwide visual and

radar observations of very high-performance, clearly manufactured craft passing through the atmosphere, hovering, landing, abducting earthlings, leaving physical traces (that can be later studied) at the landing sites, overwhelming evidence exists that *some* UFOs are extraterrestrial spacecraft. There is also, of course, an enormous amount of data establishing not only that two alien spacecraft crashed in New Mexico in 1947, but that some few government employees are well aware of the alien visitations.

Sagan is casually assuming that radio, about which we have known for less than 150 years in a universe at least 10 billion years old, is the *most advanced means of interstellar communication!!* Obviously, radio telescopes cannot detect laser signals or those from any other advanced communications technique. He notes that our space probes have already examined 70 planets, satellites, comets, asteroids, etc., in less than 40 years. How many by the year 3000??

One must put some facts in the hopper: First, it seems clear that some stars are literally many billions of years older than the sun. Second, as Sagan summarized well, there are good reasons for expecting planets *and* life to be abundant in the universe since apparently it takes less than one billion years for life of some kind to establish itself. Third, technological progress in all fields almost invariably comes from doing things differently in an unpredictable way and is not an extrapolation of the past. Lasers aren't just better light bulbs, nuclear rockets aren't just better chemical rockets, micro-integrated circuits are not just small vacuum tubes. And finally, therefore, one expects that there will be civilizations that long ago developed far better means of communication and space travel than we have in our very short high-tech history.

Look at the technological progress over the past few hundred years. More than 30 years ago, I worked on nuclear fusion propulsion systems using fusion processes similar to those by which all stars make most of their energy. Using appropriate techniques, one can expel particles out of the back end of a fusion rocket having 10 millions times as much energy per particle as in a chemical rocket. In a short time,

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we have gone from around the world in 80 days in a balloon to around the world in 90 minutes in the Space Shuttle.

Unfortunately, the article serves as a kind of manifesto for the cult of SETI, the acronym that stands for "Search for ExtraTerrestrial Intelligence." (A better definition might be "Silly Effort to Investigate.") Sagan mentions how he and Paul Horowitz, a Harvard physics professor, detected a handful of candidate radio signals after five years of continuous sky survey and two years of follow-up by the project known as Megachannel Extraterrestrial Array. He discusses some fascinating experiments of attempts to recreate in the lab the strange compounds found in the atmosphere of Saturn's giant moon Titan. Just think what a similar effort could tell us about radar tracking of UFOs, analysis of landing trace cases, UFO abductions, etc. There is *more than a handful* of strong UFO cases.

Some might wonder at my use of the term *cult*. But what are the characteristics of a cult?

*Charismatic leadership:* Certainly, this is provided by Sagan, Frank Drake, Jill Tartar, and others of their group, who often vociferously, and without knowledge or reference to data, attack ufology and extol the virtues of the radio telescope search.

*Strong dogma:* Summarized, this means there is life all over the place out there. According to SETI, some of it is much more advanced than our young civilization and is trying to attract our attention using radio signals that SETI specialists will make easy for us to record and translate. When we join the galactic radio network, SETI will then transmit to us all the secrets of the universe.

*Strong resistance to outside ideas:* As opposed to studying and evaluating the huge array of UFO-related data, SETI cultists constantly use the three major tools of debunkers:

1) What the public doesn't know, we won't tell them. 2) Don't bother me with the facts—my mind is made up. 3) If one can't attack the data, attack the people.

Sagan's incredibly unscientific and inaccurate 1993 article about UFO abductions in *Parade Magazine* is an outstanding example of this pseudoscientific approach, as noted in my 12-page, single-spaced critique.

*Exaggerated notion of the cult's importance to the world:* The radio telescope guys will detect and decode signals from outer space

They will disclose to mankind all the secrets of the universe. Viva la radio telescope and the *Science of SETI!!*

Obviously, if alien spacecraft are visiting Earth, landing, occasionally crashing at locations near Corona and in the Plains of San Augustin in New Mexico, monitoring our aircraft and space flights, examining specimens of Earth's fauna and flora, then who needs SETI! The emperor is wearing no clothes. The case for Sagan-type SETI and against ufology is bare of reason.

I am reminded of the person who has just learned a bit about the strange game of baseball. He finds out that striking out is nonproductive, whereas getting a walk, a single, a double, a triple, or especially, a home run, is very productive. He then presumes that the worst players are those who strike out the most. The record shows that the five players who struck out the most and therefore were the worst in the history of baseball are Mantle, Killebrew, Mays, Robinson, and Mathews. Because he looks no farther, he doesn't know these five are among the most productive batters in the history of the game in spite of all their strike-outs.

Yes, most UFO sightings can be explained, most isotopes are not fissionable, and most people aren't seven feet tall. But some people are seven feet tall, some isotopes are fissionable, and some UFOs are intelligently controlled ET spaceships, even if the alien mission specialists don't ask for an appointment with Carl Sagan.

In late 1992, I spent an hour with Carl, and on October 11, 1994, I challenged him in writing to a debate on UFOs, perhaps with Larry King moderating. I have had a tiny response, but not yet about a debate, although Carl and I were classmates at the University of Chicago for three years. Carl has never displayed any willingness to defend his anti-ufological proclamations against the onslaught of somebody knowledgeable. Research by Proclamation is the way of the Cult of SETI.

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\* *Four signs of life on earth detected by the Galileo spacecraft:* 1) indications of an abundance of molecular oxygen in the atmosphere. 2) light bands indicating chlorophyll covering most of earth's land area (found nowhere else in the solar system). 3) traces of methane in extreme disequilibrium with the amount of oxygen, indicating unusual processes (including bacterial metabolism) to replenish methane, and 4) certain radio emissions that strongly suggest the presence of a technological civilization. ♦

## Worth Repeating

### Asking for Trouble?

"Sir Martin Ryle, Nobel laureate in physics and Great Britain's astronomer royal, in an appeal to the International Astronomical Union, urged that attempts to radio communicate with extraterrestrial civilizations be stopped. Sir Ryle fears that by making known there is intelligent life on earth, hostile alien beings may invade us for colonization or extraction of mineral resources." —From the Winter 1976-77 issue of *UFO Magazine News Bulletin* (National UFO Conference)

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The MUFON 1994 UFO Symposium Proceedings were dedicated to Stanton "for his educational contribution as a public speaker on ufology across North America, but more specifically for his stubborn and persistent determination to reveal the facts on the Roswell crash, the MJ-12 papers, and most notably, the UFO cover-up by the U.S. and Canadian governments."

Stanton lives with his wife and youngest daughter in the Canadian province of New Brunswick, his wife's home province.

For two articles and a list of UFO materials, send an SASE to Stanton Friedman, PO Box 958, Houlton, ME 04730-0958.

Houston Sky is grateful to Stanton Friedman for providing us this timely response to Carl Sagan's Scientific American essay. ♦

## Worth Repeating

### Rewrite Your Past

"Divorcees can now eradicate their previous partners from photographs without resorting to a scissor job.

*DivorceX* from Western Pro Imaging Labs of Vancouver, Canada, is a service that scans a photograph into a computer and then alters it electronically. The gap can then be filled with a new partner. The technology can also make people thinner, younger, and can remove double chins or scars."

*[Presumably, it can also scan in flying saucers...]*

—Cyberscope, 1994

### IFO Alert!

"A meteor lighted up the sky with pyrotechnic flashes of white, green, and yellow in front of an audience of thousands as it burned up in the atmosphere shortly before nightfall. It was probably no bigger than a watermelon, said Patrick Wiggins, spokesman for the Hansen Planetarium... Within minutes the planetarium's telephones were flooded by hundreds of calls about what Wiggins described as a classic fireball. The planetarium got [one report] describing a sonic boom, and the meteor appeared to explode into three pieces high in the sky."

—AP story in the *Houston Post*, October 1994

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## UFO Sightings for Gulf Breeze Skywatchers

**T**he *Islander*, Gulf Breeze's weekly paper that loyally details area UFO happenings, reported recently that up to 12 people watched a total of 19 amber lights in a clear evening sky over Pensacola Beach. It was "the most significant sighting in a long time," said one witness.

Three skywatchers were gathered along Shoreline Park at 6:30 PM on November 7, when they heard what they described as a skyquake, a loud rumbling from out over the Gulf of Mexico. About 40 minutes later, they saw an amber light appear above the Dunes Hotel. Within the next hour, the three saw 10 more lights, the same type of light witnessed there in the past.

Later in the evening, nine more skywatchers arrived, and the sightings began again just after 9 PM. Eight more lights were seen. The most significant of the sightings involved four lights that were observed through binoculars; the four

UFOs moved together across the sky and then veered off in pairs to the south and east. Two more skyquakes were heard by 9:30 PM, but no lights appeared after that.

For faithful skywatchers, this increase in activity—after more than a year of relative quiet—is generally thought to be building up to a significant sighting.

**On a related note:** At the October 1994 Gulf Breeze UFO Conference, Bruce and Anne Morrison updated attendees on area UFO sightings during the past year. Among the relatively few they reported was one of a woman who, on seeing a strange light outside, tried to get up but found herself temporarily paralyzed. In another instance, a Gulf Breeze-type craft was sighted on Hwy. 98, and in another, the previously witnessed huge boomerang with multicolored lights was seen enveloped in a mist. ♦

## All Aboard the Electronic Network!

**M**ichael Lindemann's latest venture into the UFO world is along the Information Super Highway. The Institute for the Study of Contact With Non-human Intelligence (ISCNI) is a brand-new on-line "campus" affiliated with the Electronic University Network (EUN), which in turn is affiliated with America Online. Michael and three associates incorporated ISCNI in September 1994 and signed on with EUN in mid-October. Their "campus" is set to go on-line in early December.

They chose the term Contact With Non-human Intelligence, or CNI, to represent their area of interest because it communicated a more focused view of the UFO phenomenon, one that incorporated contemporary stories of alien contact with ancient accounts, as well as with possibly related stories of angels, demons, faeries, and gods.

ISCNI's stated vision is "to offer the most credible, up-to-date, and impactful information currently available concerning human contact with non-human intelligence. We perceive that the growing impact of CNI phenomena could bring massive change—disruptive or transformative—to human society, and that preparation

through quality research and public education seems urgently appropriate."

ISCNI has "hired" as faculty Linda Moulton Howe, John Carpenter, Karla Turner, and Daniel Drasin (an authority on government covert operations). George Knapp, Stanton Friedman, and Salley Rayl (*Omni*) have expressed a strong interest in participating. "Students" will have direct, person-to-person access to these faculty members through — monthly classes, discussion forums, private consultations, and special events. Though the main activities will be on-line, a book and videotape catalogue (already available) will make ISCNI's information services available to those without a computer and modem.

ISCNI will be on-line as early as December 5, although, as the catalogue says, "you might find the cyberspace equivalent of wet paint, bare floors, stacks of building materials and signs that read 'pardon our mess.'" Nevertheless, they welcome your comments and ideas—"if you don't mind some banging in the background." For more information on ordering the catalogue (by E-mail, phone, fax, or post) or to register as a student, call (800) 414-7364.

—Gayle Nesom ♦



# "Without Warning": Just Another Ratings Grab?

by Gayle Nesom and Rebecca Schatte

*"Perhaps the message of 'Without Warning' is that it will be far better if the first alien/human contact doesn't resemble the Bosnian Civil War."*

—William E. Jones

On Sunday, October 30, the CBS network aired "Without Warning," a movie strongly reminiscent of Orson Welles' 1939 adaptation of H. G. Wells' "War of the Worlds." Houston's Channel 11 CBS affiliate ran regular reminders telling viewers that what they were seeing was *fiction*. Still, Channel 11 received numerous calls from viewers asking if what they were seeing was *real*.

We invited several readers to answer a brief questionnaire concerning the movie. No one predicted an Oscar or Emmy, but reactions varied as to the producers' motives and the story's strength. Our thanks to Carolyn Duce-Ashe, Marie Jones, William E. Jones, David Mayo, Dale Musser, John Schuessler, and Ellen Stuart for their comments.

Only one of our seven respondents had any inkling that the "asteroid" movie would have an ET/UFO theme. That's too bad for the promoters; had they gotten the word out better, they'd probably have had a lot more viewers—but from the sounds of it, maybe a lot more critics, too. So if it *was* a ratings grab, they goofed.

Those answering our questionnaire had very little good to say about the movie's sophistication. In response to how the military was portrayed, **Marie Jones** (San Diego MUFON) thought the military was par for TV though not entirely realistic: "They were made responsible for all the terrible events but not powerful enough to stop them."

**William E. (Bill) Jones** (MidOhio Research Associates Inc., and MUFON state director for Ohio) agreed that the characterization was unrealistic. "The military was portrayed in the usual stereotypical manner of most science fiction movies, that is, inept, insensitive, simple minded, and with a tendency to employ violence whether it is needed or not."

**David Mayo** (*Houston Sky* reviewer) commented that because of our military's obvious UFO cover-up, the leadership would probably not be forthright with the public if an ET invasion was afoot. He found no problem believing the military would shoot down asteroids that were emitting signs of intelligence.

**John Schuessler** (Deputy Director of MUFON administration) agreed about the lack of realism, saying simply that the movie was "too kind to the military."

Questioned about the movie's possible significance, our respondents' reactions varied

greatly. **David** said, "That's the \$64,000 question... Personally, I do believe this increase suggests a growing interest. Whether this ties in with the [Michael] Lindemann-type of UFO pervasion, I don't know."

**Ellen Stuart** (MUFON state director for Texas) saw the movie as a wake-up call, much like in "The Day After," an older TV movie about a worldwide nuclear holocaust. "Only this time, the threat of asteroids was used to generate the doomsday message. The timing had everything to do with citizen concern about the comet that recently struck Jupiter."

**Carolyn Duce-Ashe** (MUFON assistant state director for New Mexico), felt the movie might suggest a possible, future scenario, and **John** sensed a veiled religious-zealot theme.

At the other end of the spectrum, **Marie** said the movie was too poorly written and acted to be anything but entertainment. "Any serious message the movie makers were trying to send got lost in the hokey storyline and the terrible, 'realistic' portrayals of the news anchors."

According to **Bill**, "If there was meaning, it sure went over my head. What we were shown was a technologically advanced alien race, which we never saw or learned anything about, acting like a bunch of interstellar cowboys who get p—ed off when they walk into the bar firing off shots and some upstart kid gets scared and shoots back. I'd say this bunch was on the back edge of evolution."

**Dale Musser** (Abductions Investigations, Houston UFO Network) capped the question nicely, saying, "If there was [a special meaning], it was not intentional. People may see meanings that are there but are not intended."

*See Movie, page 10*

## Worth Repeating

### No Sense of Humor...

Remember recently when Carl Sagan threatened to sue Apple for libel unless it changed the code name of a secret project it was calling "Sagan"? Well, Apple complied and changed the name to "Butt-head Astronomer." Sagan sued.

The California court dismissed the case. The judge's conclusion? "One does not seriously attack the expertise of a scientist using the undefined phrase 'butt-head.'" —From the December 1994 issue of *Wired*

### Are You Sure?

"Our work has nothing to do with things that go bump in the night or people claiming to be snatched from their beds." —Richard Hoagland, in *Omni*, Dec. 1994, comparing his research into structures on Mars with ufology

### Now That's Funny

"To him, this feature is no more remarkable than a tortilla chip said to display the face of Jesus Christ, an eggplant supposedly resembling Richard Nixon, or a radar image of Venus containing the visage of Joseph Stalin." —Steve Nadis, in *Omni* magazine, December 1994, referring to Carl Sagan and his opinion of Hoagland's "Face on Mars"

*See WR, page 10*

## Worth Repeating

### "New" Jules Verne Novel

An 1863 never-before-published novel by Jules Verne, *Paris in the 20th Century*, has just recently been released. The manuscript, discovered by Verne's great-grandson in the family house in Toulon five years ago, was rejected as too far-fetched by a 19th century publisher, who wrote in the margin, "My dear Verne, had you been a prophet, no one today would believe your prophecy."

The novel describes "cars running silently through the city, automated mass-transit trains suspended in air, and electric lights everywhere."

### Private Space Company Seeking Moon Projects

International Space Enterprises (ISE), a U.S. corporation founded in 1992, will conduct "privately financed robotic lunar science and exploration programs priced low enough to attract diverse international markets."

ISE's first mission, scheduled for 1996, will place remote survey and mapping equipment and a company-owned data-relay satellite into orbits around the moon. The first landing mission, in 1997, will deploy telescopes, lunar rovers, and other equipment on the near side of the moon's surface. A later mission to the dark side will relay data via satellite back to Earth.

*Interested?* ISE's number in San Diego (619) 637-5777. ♦

### Movie, from page 9

"Without Warning" was a hot topic on the electronic bulletin board system (BBS) network. BBS regular Pat Parrinello, in a post to the fido.ufo echo (October 31), saw the movie as a test to see how much attention people would pay to disclaimers when presented with the 'official' appearance of a news broadcast. "Last night," he said, "America failed a test."

What one word did respondents use to describe this movie? "Frightening," "doomsday," "invasion," "revealing," "rushed," "hokey," and "farfical." There you have it—a cross-section of the viewing public!

Asked whether the public was more prepared for this movie than for "War of the Worlds," most said yes, though the viewing public was not given much credit for sophistication. **Dale** thought "more callous or less gullible" would better characterize today's movie viewers.

**David** agreed: "As society has advanced, it has become more desensitized to exploitative elements within the media. That said, society has never been short of gullibility, as evident in the number of phone calls CBS affiliates received."

**Marie** thought most people "were just too plain TV smart" to have considered the story real. "I could see how some people might think it was real if they turned it on in between warnings, but it couldn't possibly have taken them more than 10 minutes to figure it out. If it did, I worry for those people!" Radio, she says, is a much more intense medium; it leaves you to the devices of your own imagination. "When you see something on TV, you can just stare blankly and go numb, like we all did for the O.J. chase. But when you hear something broadcast over the radio, my god, your imagination kicks into high gear. [Radio] is just a much more potent form of communication."

**Ellen** found it amazing that anyone might think the movie was real, when all someone needed to do was open *TV Guide* to find out. "Unfortunately," she said, "such is the state of the intelligence of a great deal of folks."

**Bill** agreed, saying, "The public was probably better prepared, but there were still a bunch of calls from people not paying attention. Perhaps *they* are on the back edge of evolution, too."

When asked whether they had other thoughts to express about the movie, most did.

**Ellen** found it totally incredible that extraterrestrials would be orchestrating asteroid attacks. "Once again, I was disappointed that Hollywood would make up hokey scenarios about UFOs and ETs when the real thing is as scary or scarier than any fiction Hollywood can produce."

**David**, an "armchair ufologist," found the movie extremely interesting. "But the true impact of this type of movie is related to the question of public education by hidden agenda. If such an agenda exists, how is it being perpetuated? If such an agenda does *not* exist, then 'Without Warning' was only an update of 'War of the Worlds.' Nothing more, nothing less."

According to **John**, the movie was important "because it graphically explored the potential threat from space posed by asteroids, aliens, comets, and more."

**Dale** said that while the movie was for the most part poorly put together, it raised some interesting issues, though they were lost in the compressed time frame: "What can we do if a large comet or asteroid is headed for Earth? Are we prepared to make contact if extraterrestrials approach in an unconventional manner? What safeguards are in place, or should be in place, to guarantee that visitors from other worlds are not mistaken as hostile threats and to guarantee that we not attack before contact can be made?"

**Bill** offered a bit of sage advice: "I think those of us in ufology should stop looking at each movie with an alien theme as if it were carrying a message or, even worse, were part of some sort of education campaign to get us ready for the inevitable. We should understand that alien themes just happen to sell well right now and that the people who want to make a couple of extra dollars realize this." ♦

### Excuse Me?

Anita Creamer, a columnist for the *Houston Post*, said of Martha Stewart ("the ubiquitous upscale do-it-yourself goddess"): "It's possible Martha has buckled under the pressure. The perfect facade has at last cracked. Or else the real Martha has been kidnapped by extraterrestrials, leaving among us an alien impostor who's somehow warmer and more human than the real Martha was." ♦



## Mutilation Study Under Way

### *Bigelow Foundation Support for Howe and Altshuler Research*

In a November 19 phone conversation, Linda Moulton Howe discussed the grant she and pathologist John Altshuler, MD, received from the Bigelow Foundation. The grant funds one year of research into animal mutilations and covers the cost of transportation to the scene of possible mutilations and of any necropsies and lab studies of tissue samples taken.

Earlier this year, Linda and Dr. Altshuler mailed 5,000 letters and stamped, addressed, reply cards to veterinarians in the states with the most mutilations reports in the last two years: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, and South Dakota; Texas was not included. They received 190 replies, which for the direct mail market, is a very respectable four percent. Of these, 40 veterinarians reported that they had previously dealt with mutilations of some type. The remaining 150 respondents said either that they had not dealt with mutilations or that they were interested in the project.

Linda said that some headway had been achieved: six or seven vets are now working with her, and she and Dr. Altshuler have been successful in increasing awareness among the veterinary community.

The research funded by the Bigelow grant will continue through March 1995. Until that time, Linda and Dr. Altshuler would like to be informed *immediately* if an animal mutilation of high strangeness is suspected since tissue samples must be taken within 36 hours of an animal's death. To report a possible mutilation case, *call Linda Howe at (215) 491-9840.*

### **Meanwhile, back at the ranch. . .**

Waurika, Oklahoma, rancher A. D. Richardson reported that between August 3 and 7, 1994, 1,700 of his cattle disappeared without a trace. The *Waurika News-Democrat's* August 11 main headline confirms the report: "Deputies probe theft of 1,700 head of cattle."

In a statement to the paper, Richardson said he believed his cattle were stolen over a four-day period between the time he discovered a broken gate to the pasture and when he and his sons returned to repair the gate. The cattle—850 cows and their 850 calves—had been gathered in a 16-acre holding pen in preparation for being sold. The day after reporting the theft, Richardson posted a \$20,000 reward for information on the missing cows or those responsible for the theft.

Linda has been in touch with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department (Waurika is near the Texas state line) and a local banker involved in the case. The banker, also a neighbor of Richardson's, reported to Linda at the beginning of November that the case is still wide open. While disappearance, not mutilation, is the mystery at issue here, disappearance *has* been involved in previous mutilation cases. Because of this possible link, Linda is keeping abreast of the case. Stay tuned. —Gayle Nesom♦

**(800) UFO-2166**  
**(800) 836-2166**

A new national UFO hotline, being co-sponsored by the Mutual UFO Network, the Center for UFO Studies, and the Fund for UFO Research, is supported in part by the Bigelow Foundation. MUFON will manage the "electronic mailbox" and is making plans for informing sheriff departments and police stations about the 800 service. This number is very new and will be promoted and used first in Texas—you'll be hearing more about it soon.

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## Review

# The Bob Lazar Area 51 S4 UFO Model Kit

Built and Reviewed by David C. Mayo

Four years ago, Bob Lazar announced to the UFO community that he had worked at the now infamous Area 51 north of Las Vegas, Nevada, back-engineering recovered flying saucers for the government. Now, a plastic model kit has immortalized his experience.

You may find a review of a model kit a little odd, but it is the presentation of this model that merits analysis. The kit's manufacturer, the Testor Corporation, raised eyebrows with its earlier release of the SR-71 Penetrator, an as-yet-unannounced military stealth spy plane complete with details no one supposedly knew.

The S4 UFO kit comes with a bonus, eight-page booklet full of technical information about this purported *Sport Model* disc. The instructions are interesting in themselves. Beginning with a concise overview of UFOs, the manual intersperses historical and technical notes, as well as quotes by Lazar, Ronald Reagan, and Barry Goldwater.

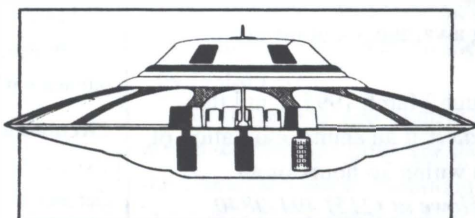
The model is simple to build. All details are based solely on Bob Lazar's memories. The kit consists of an upper and lower shell, an upper-deck housing, three "gravity amplifiers," three chairs, two aliens (greys), and one soldier standing at attention. All model parts are well molded without any noticeable flaws. When completed, it is an excellent representation of

the classic flying saucer and an interesting addition to your UFO library or collection. And as simple as this kit may be, it does hold some historical value, provided that Mr. Lazar has told the truth.

Not widely known is a "UFO Sightings Series" of model kits. Available through mail order, these kits include Meier, Adamski, Trudel, Gulf Breeze, and other replicas. There are models of greys as well. The kits are limited and sometimes rare.

For a list of UFO- and science fiction-related model kits, write to Lunar Models, 106 Century Dr., Cleburne, TX 76031, or call (714) 526-5467.

*In Houston, Testor's S4 UFO kit is available through most model shops, including G & G Model Shop in Rice Village, (713) 529-7752. ♦*



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*C. E. Chronicles*

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Houston, Texas 77042

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*HUFON Report*

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Holiday Inn, I-10 W @ Silber

#### VISIT (Vehicle Internal Systems Investigative Team)

"Structures on the Moon?"

Marvin Czarnik

(see article, p. 4)

Thursday, December 15, 6:30 PM

Freeman Memorial Library

16602 Diana Lane, Clear Lake

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## ROSWELL DECLARATION 1994

Forty-seven years ago an incident occurred in the southwestern desert of the United States that could have significant implications for all mankind. It involved the recovery by the U.S. Military of material alleged to be of extraterrestrial origin. The event was announced by the U.S. Military on July 8, 1947, through a press release that was carried by newspapers throughout the country. It was subsequently denied by what is now believed to be a cover story claiming the material was nothing more than a weather balloon. It has remained veiled in government secrecy ever since.

The press release announcing the unusual event was issued by the Commander of the 509th Bomb Group at Roswell Army Air Field, Colonel William Blanchard, who later went on to become a four-star general and Vice Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force. That the weather balloon story was a coverup has been confirmed by individuals directly involved, including the late General Thomas DuBose who took the telephone call from Washington, D.C., ordering the coverup. Numerous other credible military and civilian witnesses have testified that the original press release was correct and that the Roswell wreckage was of extraterrestrial origin. One such individual was Major Jesse Marcel, the Intelligence Officer of the 509th Bomb Group and one of the first military officers at the scene.

On January 12, 1994, United States Congressman Steven Schiff of Albuquerque, New Mexico, announced to the press that he had been stonewalled by the Defense Department when requesting information on the 1947 Roswell event on behalf of constituents and witnesses. Indicating that he was seeking further investigation into the matter, Congressman Schiff called the Defense Department's lack of response "astounding" and concluded it was apparently "another government coverup."

History has shown that unsubstantiated official assurances or denials by government are often meaningless. Nevertheless, there is a logical and straightforward way to ensure that the truth about Roswell will emerge: *an Executive Order declassifying any information regarding UFOs or extraterrestrial intelligence*. Because this is a unique issue of universal concern, such an action would be appropriate and warranted. To provide positive assurance for all potential witnesses, it would need to be clearly stated and written into law. Such a measure is essentially what presidential candidate Jimmy Carter promised and then failed to deliver to the American people eighteen years ago in 1976.

If, as is officially claimed, no information on Roswell, UFOs, or extraterrestrial intelligence is being withheld, an Executive Order declassifying it would be a mere formality, as there would be nothing to disclose. The Order would, however, have the positive effect of setting the record straight once and for all. Years of controversy and suspicion would be ended, both in the eyes of the United States' own citizens and in the eyes of the world.

If, on the other hand, the Roswell witnesses are telling the truth and information on extraterrestrial intelligence does exist, it is not something to which a privileged few in the United States Government should have exclusive rights. It is knowledge of profound importance to which all people throughout the world should have an inalienable right. Its release would unquestionably be universally acknowledged as an historic act of honesty and goodwill.

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*I support the request, as outlined above, for an Executive Order declassifying any U.S. Government information regarding UFOs or extraterrestrial intelligence. Whether such information exists or whether it does not, I feel that the people of the world have a right to know the truth about this issue and that it is time to put an end to the controversy surrounding it.*

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